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ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS.

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(536) WILLIAM REYNOLDS, 200 acres in the county of Charles River, beginning at Willson's Point, and running into the woods southwest, abutting on Hatefield's creek, and northwest on Queen's creek. Due for the transportation of four persons: Morris Jones, Richard Pew, John Butterum and Anne Banks. Granted by Harvey, August 15, 1637.

(537) SAMUEL JONES, 50 acres in the county of Charles River, adjoining the land of William Reynolds, and lying northeast on Queen's creek. Due for the transportation of one servant, Thomas Hattfield. Granted by Harvey, August 15, 1637.

(538) CAPTAIN JOHN SIBSEY, 1,500 acres in the county of Lower New Norfolk, on the western branch of Elizabeth river. Due for the transportation of 30 persons (names not given). Granted by Harvey, August 17, 1637.

(539) CAPTAIN JOHN SIBSEY [1], 1,500 acres in the county of Lower New Norfolk, adjoining the land of Mr. Francis Powers, lying north on the main river, and east "as farr as the Westernmost p'ting of an Island called Crany point." Due for the transportation of 30 persons (names not given). Granted by Harvey, August 17, 1637.

NOTE.

[1] Captain John Sibsey or Sipsey, was a member of the House of Burgesses from the upper parish of Elizabeth City, Sept., 1632 and Feb., 1632-3, and was appointed to the Council 1636-7. He was a commissioner (justice) of Lower Norfolk from 1637 to —. In the county levy September 15, 1642, Captain John Sibsey was paid for his services as a member of the House of Burgesses "in January last past." (This is a session not mentioned by Hening. His only dates about this time are January, 1639-40, and April, 1642.) At the time the levy was laid Captain Sibsey was sheriff of the county. On March 7, 1641, he was paid for services as burgess in the year 1641. (This a session also not included in Hening.) In April, 1645, he was the commander of the county and again sheriff. On October 25, 1645, he was present as a member of a "Council of War for the Associated Counties," evidently of Lower Norfolk, Nansemond and Isle of Wight. In April, 1646, he was still

commander, but shortly after, it is stated that Captain Thomas Willoughby was "High Lieutenant" and Captain John Sibsey "deputy-lieutenant," of Lower Norfolk. (This is the only instance which has come under observation, of the use of these terms.) In 1646 there is mention of Captain Sibsey's son, Thomas.

On January 22, 1647, is an entry which states that Captain John Sibsey had made it appear that he was a co-partner in the ships John and Barbary, and America, and freighter of the ships Pellman and Blessing.

The will of John Sibsey, of Elizabeth River, in the county of Lower Norfolk, gentleman, was dated August 16, 1652. Land called Craney Point to be sold towards the payment of his debts. To his wife, all his plate, servants and his boat. To daughter Mary Sibsey all the residue of his land adjoining Craney Point. To Henry Wake the land now in the possession of Richard Pinner [doubtless Pinner's Point, near Norfolk, derived its name from him], at the expiration of his lease. All the residue of his lands to his wife. To Margery Wickstead, widow, 500 lbs. tobacco, and a legacy to Elizabeth, daughter of said Margery. All residue of his estate to be divided into three parts, of which two to his wife, and one to his daughter, and if the latter die without issue, half of her estate to revert to his wife and half to daughter's husband, Mr. Richard Conquest. To his (Sibsey's) brother-in-law, Thomas Lambert [from whom Lambert's Point derives its name] one "pistle" [pistol], and "my feather." To William Jermy his black-hilted rapier and belt, and all debts due him from said Jermy. Appoints his wife and friends Thos. Lambert and William Jermy, executors.

Under date of April 15, 1652, Richard Conquest petitions the court, stating that Elizabeth Sibsey withholds from him a negro which belongs to him in right of his wife, who was sole heir to Thomas Sibsey, her late brother. There is a deed, dated April 25, 1653, from Richard Conquest, who had lately married Mary, daughter of Captain John Sibsey, dec'd.

There is on record in Norfolk county, August 17, 1777, a deed from James Nimmo and Stephen Wright, gentlemen, administrators of Lewis Conner, deceased, of the first part, Lewis Conner, his son and heir, of second part, and Elizabeth Lawson, widow and devisee of Lewis Conner, grandfather of the present Lewis Conner, of the third part; reciting that John Sibsey died seized of one thousand, five hundred acres in the "parish of Elizabeth City," and county of Lower Norfolk, granted to him by patent, June 1, 1635, and by his will, dated July 15, 1652, devised to his daughter, Mary Sibsey and her heirs, which said Mary married Thomas Fulsher [this must have been a second marriage], and had issue: John Fulsher, her son and heir, who entered and was seized thereof, and by deed dated September 19, 1680 (or 89) conveyed it to Lewis Conner, then husband of the said Elizabeth Lawson.